

**SHADE TREE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2, 2020**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:50 p.m. at the Washington Borough Park due to COVID-19

Members in Attendance: K. Halpin, S. Marr, S. McDonald, D. Butler

Absent: G. Pohorely

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Borough Park Hazard Tree – DPW Supervisor, Jonathan James reported a potentially hazardous tree at the Borough Park. The Maple is near the playground area and next to a park bench. Shade Tree Commissioner, G. Pohorely had discussed this tree approximately 2 years ago with the Park Director, Gary Masenior. It was showing signs of decline at that time. The Shade Tree Commissioners met at the park and determined that it should be professionally evaluated. It has a nice canopy but there is a hollow spot in the trunk.

2. 120 Broad Street – Homeowner (Kerry Cook) reported a tree with possible carpenter ants and showing signs of decline. Ms. Cook requested that the tree be evaluated. G. Pohorely noted a small pile of sawdust on the ground but did not see any carpenter ants. There are two dead broken limbs in the canopy but otherwise the large Sweetgum tree looks healthy. Since it is located near the sidewalk on a frequently travelled road, the dead branches are a potential hazard. It was determined that the Sweetgum should be evaluated by a professional tree service. A Motion was made by S. McDonald and seconded by S. Marr to appropriate funds, not exceeding \$6,000 for Sunshine Tree & Landscape to evaluate the Sweetgum tree at 120 Broad St. and the Maple tree at the Borough park.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

3. 133 Sunrise Terrace – Homeowner (Ellen D’Andrea) reported a declining tree in the right-of-way area. The owner requests that the tree be evaluated. S. Marr visited the location and confirmed that the Norway Maple is dead. This location will be placed on the maintenance list for removal. A letter will be sent to the property owner.

4. Library Dogwood Tree – K. Halpin reported the Dogwood tree that Sunshine Tree & Landscape planted as a replacement, has a gouge in the trunk. It will need to be replaced. This topic will be discussed at a later time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by S. Marr and seconded by S. McDonald that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming